1	2	3
21.	Maharashtra	77
22.	Manipur (Excl. 3 Sub-Divisions)	1
23.	Meghalaya	2
24.	Mizoram	1
25.	Nagaland	2
26.	Orissa	24
27.	Pondicherry	3
28.	Punjab	30
29.	Rajasthan	45
30.	Sikkim	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	81
32.	Tripura	1
33.	Uttar Pradesh	103
34.	Uttaranchal	8
35.	West Bengal	85
	India	906

Source: Census of India 2001

Mass Rapid Transit System in Mumbai

*368 SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
SHRI BALWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sought Government's approval and sanction for 15 per cent equity participation and 50 per cent viability gap funding for the proposed Rs. 1500 crore Mass Rapid Transit System along Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof when it was mooted and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether similar support besides excise and customs concessions, was also granted for the Delhi Metro System?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra has proposed to construct a Light Rail Transit System on the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor (15.0 km) on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis at an estimated cost of Rs. 1500 crore (April '03 prices). The Detailed Project report for this project was received in February, 2005 and the 'in-principle' approval for this project was given by the Planning Commission in April, 2005. The State Government has undertaken a bidding process to identify a private promoter. The requirement of financial assistance from the Central Government, for this project, is to be considered under the scheme of viability gap funding announced by the Ministry of Finance. A firm estimation of the requirement of funds will be possible only after the bidding process undertaken by the Government is complete.

(c) The Delhi Metro Rail system is being implemented by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), a joint venture company of the Government of India (GOI) and Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD). The total equity contribution is about 30% of the project cost. This is shared equally between the GOI and GNCTD. There is no viability gap funding involved in the project. Excise and Customs duty exemptions have been granted to the project.

Cooking equipment of mid-day meal

t*369. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stoves and traditional *chulhas* are used to cook food under the Mid-day Meal Scheme;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these equipments are not useful for cooking food for a large number of children together and as a result thereof women engaged in cooking have to face problems; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.